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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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This Preliminary Amendment provides additional claims for incorporation into this application. Please amend the application as shown below.

IN THE CLAIMS

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26. (New) Apparatus for providing information to a television viewer, comprising:
a combiner configured to receive at least one of a television program
signal and an advertisement signal as a first signal, and an information signal
as a second signal;
said combiner operable to merge said first signal with said second
signal to form a unified television signal;
said unified television signal configured to cause; a first area of a
television monitor screen to display programs and advertisements, and the
television monitor screen to display other information in a second area, and
during a time that the first area of the television monitor screen is displaying

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Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified Application.

The fee for any change in the claims has been calculated as shown below.

Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate
Total Claims 38	Minus 25	=13 x	\$18.00 = 234.00
Independent Claims 4	Minus 3	=1 x	\$84.00 = <u>\$ 84.00</u>
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES			\$318.00

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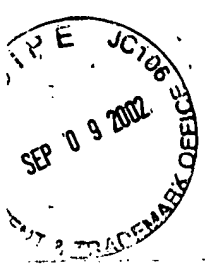
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